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Atty Docket No: 402E-476112US
Client Ref: P1077P1D2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ballinger, Marcus D., et al.

Application No.: 10/082,747

Filed: 2/22/2002

For: **HEREGULIN VARIANTS**

Examiner: Gamett, Daniel C.

Art Unit: 1647

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period for response by 2 months.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.